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EDITORIAL

If Politicians Persist in Getting "Theirs", — We're Apt to Get "Ours" Too!

Don't send any more bundles to Congress! They've just passed the bill which gives them 20c a mile to come and get it. Or they can write to you about it because there was a little item, $92,600, for stationery. They're permitted to take it in cash but you just know they would not do that. Congressional franking cost "we the people" a meager $926,500 last year but man, don't let that bother you, we're Americans, we're rich!

We hope you're not one of the damn fools who are wondering what's going on. Of course the Normandie sank. Steel always does and you must stop thinking about sabotage. We can have explosions and fires in endless sequence in our defense industries, but you'd better get it through your head that they are "accidents"!

And are you one of the dopes who didn't like the news that a secretary in a war industry got $39,000 salary? You should know that women are a luxury. Of course we *can* hire an eighteen-year old boy, your son or mine for instance, for $21 a month.

The trouble with you is that you don't know how to reason. We've got plenty of money, — throw it away; the Bill of Rights guarantees a free press, — so let the dirty little Nazi-controlled sheets go through our mails; Congress has a legal right to pass legislation, — why shouldn't it favor Congressmen.

Men in Washington are saying that the man in the street is apathetic, that we need to be aroused. You can print it in letters a foot high that we are not only AROUSED, we're getting G— d— mad!

So 'DOINGS' Is Late, Again!

Perhaps you noted that DOINGS came out a week late last month — again! Your editor and your printer are respectively, and respectfully, between the devil and the deep blue sea.

All copy just *has* to be in by the last day of the month to permit us to even aim at the fifteenth for a publication date. We get some copy by the thirty-first and through the next week we get forty or fifty letters stating, "We're sorry we were late with this copy but my Aunt Annie had a baby and I wish you would get this into this month's DOINGS — just this once."

From now on we'll have to hold over everything arriving after the thirty-first until the next month's issue because if this keeps on we'll be getting the June issue out on Labor Day.

May 'DOINGS' Will Feature the Convention

The May issue of DOINGS should be a corker for two reasons. First of all we can afford to make it 40 pages or more because we have had to go to press this issue with a lean batch of copy as everyone is agreed that sending in late copy was ruining DOINGS as a purveyor of up-to-date news. The second good reason is that it precedes our National Convention by just a few weeks.

We ask that every single Chapter Secretary send in SOMETHING before April 28th. I have never seen an issue that had every Chapter in it but I hope you'll come through on this and make it true in May. If you're shy on news tell us how many you expect will be present at the Convention, tell us you just took a bath, tell us anything — but write!

THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 28TH — WE'RE DEPENDING ON ALL CHAPTER SECRETARIES. WE WANT 100% CHAPTER REPRESENTATION.

A. P. O.

Capt. Tim Mulcahy, in the US Engineer Office of the War Department, served with A Co., of the 101st Fld. Signal Btn., and sent us an article for DOINGS in answer to our recent appeal. It appeared in a War Dept. publication and you will find it in this issue. Read it, it's good.

Now they're going to put women in the army. It's getting so a man can't even fight in peace.

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And wait until they give the girls the command to "forward march" when they'd rather "stand at ease". We, of course, know practically nothing about women, but we have five dollars which says they'll be standing at ease.

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It will be something to see how the girls stand up under such hardships as going without silk underwear or lipstick but they'll probably take it out on the men. They always have!

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Maybe you thought the U. S. O. was solely to help the boys in the service. They forgot to tell us, *when they asked for money*, that a lot of it is to be spent on girls for dramatics, discussion groups, social events, etc.

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This month's "Company Street' seems to feature girls. But then, the old one did too!

INFORMATION PLEASE!

1. **What division reunion will be held in Springfield, Mass?**
2. **Are the dates June 25, 26, 27, 28 or don't you want to walk without your baby?**
3. **Is the blank on the back cover an inducement to register early or did we put it there just for the hell of it?**
4. **Have you forgotten "questions are asked by fools like me, but only YOU can pay the fee?"**

MAJOR GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS

This beautiful statue which will be dedicated at Hartford, Connecticut, on Memorial Day, was made possible through Past National Commander Leonard J. Maloney, who conceived the idea and pushed it through to a successful conclusion with the help of a hard-working, loyal committee and members of the entire state of Connecticut.

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DEDICATION OF STATUE OF GENERAL EDWARDS — MAY 30TH

On Decoration day, May 30th, at Hartford, Connecticut, on the grounds of the State Capitol, overlooking the State Armory and Arsenal, there will be dedicated to the glory and honor of Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, a full-sized bronze monument.

All YD men in Connecticut owe a great debt of gratitude to Past National Commander Leonard J. Maloney of New Haven Chapter for conceiving the idea, planning, and finally getting underway the beginning of what will be, upon completion, the most beautiful monument erected in Connecticut in many years. Len surrounded himself with a small working committee and many long hours were devoted to this project.

After eight long years the committee was rewarded with the first appropriation from the legislature. Our present Governor Robert H. Hurley approved additional funds which allowed the committee to give its final approval to the sculptor and at this writing the statue is being cast and will be ready for all good YD men to help dedicate on May 30th. Never lose sight of the fact that we are all better men for having served under such an able and understanding leader and this may be our last opportunity of paying our respects to his memory.

P. N. Commander Len Maloney and his committee worked untiringly to bring this project to a successful conclusion and only by your presence at this dedication will they feel rewarded. Make your plans now to bring your family to Hartford for this ceremony.

— Chairman B. A. Bourn,
Dedication Committee.

A. P. O.

Gov. Hurley of Conn. has named Captain Anthony J. Telesca of Torrington, Conn., to be acting assistant adjutant-general, succeeding Major Sutherland A. Beckwith of Litchfield, it was announced recently.

Capt. Telesca, a member of the State Guard, served with the Conn. Nat. Guard on the Mexican border in 1916 and with the 101st Mach. Gun Bat. overseas for 18 months in World War I. For gallantry in action he was decorated with the Silver Star with oak leaf and the Purple Heart.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

April 6, 1942

DEPT. OF ME.	
Cumberland	25
Farmington	9
Lewiston	26
Waterville	39
At Large	28
	127
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	7
Franklin	10
Keene	49
Manchester	72
Nashua	53
Rochester	20
Triangle	17
At Large	12
	240
DEPT. OF VT.	
Brattleboro	30
Burlington	11
Montpelier-Barre	27
Rutland	16
St. Albans	12
Morrisville	12
At Large	6
	114
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Beverly	39
Boston	517
Concord	66
Brockton	10
Danvers	28
Fitchburg	134
Foxborough	12
Haverhill	49
Holyoke	12
Lawrence	17
Lowell	48
Lynn	229
Marlborough	34
Milford	50
New Bedford	86
Reading	46
Salem	28
Springfield	113
Webster-Dudley	—
Worcester	155
At Large	65
	1735
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Apremont	134
Kent County	32
Providence	156
At Large	1
	323
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	33
Bristol	103
Hartford	237
Manchester	54
Meriden	88
Middletown	26
New Britain	59
New Haven	110
New London	41
Norwalk	24
Stamford	42
Terryville	—
Torrington	19
Valley	35
Wallingford	13
Waterbury	26
Willimantic	60
At Large	5
	975
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	23
Cleveland	51
Denver	13
Detroit	22
Los Angeles	15
New York	185
Philadelphia	22
Washington	33
Life Members	38
At Large	110
GRAND TOTAL	4029

A. P. O.

Orchids to Royal K. Hayes, who told "Time" magazine they were wrong about the 42 Division beating the 26th to France. He got a letter of apology from them. They were wrong.

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Dr. W. P. Keating, new secretary for Windham Chapter, sent in some jokes for this month. Will use next month, and thanks doctor. The first 14 pages of copy is in by the 25th.

"KEEP FIT AND BE PATRIOTIC - NOW"

By Roy Thomas, Lynn Chapter

We are at war! War demands effort, tireless energy, for an endurance and lasting vitality of all our people that will bring victory to our flag throughout the seven seas.

You who fought overseas know that for every fighting man on the front lines, there are fifteen to twenty others supporting him with arms, food, clothing and supplies of all kinds. If along the line of supply there is a breakdown of health and fitness due to disease and strain, our fighting boys will be hard pressed.

The second World War is a war of persons. Everyone at home and at work will find there is a necessity to keep good physical abilities toned for action.

Keep fatigue away, if you do not want poor efficiency. Let me illustrate in this way. What you call fatigue is probably due to inadequate use of muscles and joints of the body and to impaired sleep and recuperation. There are two phases of successful discharge of energy, building up endurance and obtaining adequate rest and recuperation. A life without adequate exertion leads to lowered endurance and to something often mistaken for a tired feeling, but which is mainly softness and acquired incapacity.

YD Veterans, you who served your country well in 1917-1918, must again get behind the President and the armed forces of this great struggle and, with your personality, your spirit, and your patriotism, see to it that you, your friends, and your business associates, strive for physical fitness and good health to better assist our country in bringing this war to an early and complete victory.

Let us all agree to come out of the "as usual" theme of life and buckle down to the hard facts that we who are back home must do our part, must lose our complacency, and our apathy, and strive, push and punch out of the realm of doubt, and business-as-usual thinking to an all-out effort to make every day to victory the nearer.

If you or I falter because of sickness, discouragement, bewilderment, we, the people, are letting the boys in the services down, and that is not fair to them.

Let's give of ourselves, not only a stamp or a bond here and there, but give ourselves to this fight, our spirit, our determination, our loyalty, to support our Commander-in-Chief and the boys who are meeting the enemies face to face.

A. P. O.

Of course military censorship prevents our saying just where they are, but to the old vets of the 102nd Infantry it can be said that the outfit is where it always has been and where it belongs — in the very vanguard. And Jimmy Quinn, an old YDer is at the helm.

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Tony Teta's 102nd Infantry Band is now the 66th Engineers Band. Tony won't like that.

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YD men stick together. PNC Len Maloney has moved administrative headquarters of the U. S. Employment Service for Connecticut into Art Neilson's handsome Ford display rooms in Hartford. And Andy Anastasio (102nd M. G. Co., 102nd Infantry) will be janitor in the new diggings.

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Col. Joseph T. Marinan (102nd M. G. Bn.), Col. Stillman Westbrook (101st M. G. Bn.) and Col. Michael A. Connor (102nd Infantry) are members of these civilian committees set up by the War Department to look over candidates for commissions in the ground service of the Army Air Corps.

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We have reports that Dr. Orville E. Petty, war time chaplain of the 102nd Infantry and post war commanding officer of the 169th Infantry, has been seriously ill for many months. The domini is a brigadier general on the Connecticut National Guard retired list.

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Allen Johnson (102nd Infantry) who owns all those Allen's Cut Rate stores you see all over New England is now an officer in the 2nd Company, Governors Foot Guard of Connecticut. Al has a D. S. C.

Farmer—I'm gonna sue this railroad company on account of my cattle!

Official—Why, have our trains been killing them?

Farmer—No, but they go so slow the passengers lean out of the windows and milk my cows!

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WHAT HAS YOUR DUTY IN YD MEANT TO YOU?

By Lea Redfield, National Treasurer

Someone once wrote in a poem that "the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts". He might well have gone on to say that the thoughts of maturity are infinitely longer and often times of more value. We of the old YD mentally return to the rip-roaring days of 1917-18 when the back-fire of a car in the street brings back the memory of the night when we hiked through Rambecourt on our way to Xivray-Marvoisin. One lone shell from one of our concealed batteries scared ten years out of us. Sometimes it's the smell of wood smoke that recalls the winter in the Vosge mountains area or we see an old mess kit in the window of an Army, Navy store and it brings back memories of chow eaten in the mud at Pinon, the wheat field below Vaux or the load of goldfish someone sent up before we went over at St. Mihiel.

What has all that meant to you? Would you do it again if you had your life to live over, was it worth it, has it given you anything materially or spiritually that made it worthwhile? Write in and tell us what it has meant to you, you who have the old YD branded on your heart as long as you drew breath. For the five best articles the winners can have their choice of a New American Encyclopedia, Dictionary or Cook Book.

A. P. O.

Sebastian Selvitelli of Medford, Mass., who served with E Company of the 101st Infantry, has been a bridegroom for nine months, states a press release. It also states he has been raring to go into the Army but he had had little luck until his draft number 441 was drawn a few weeks ago.

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So far this year we've had offers of venison from Nick Schultz in Vt., a gallon of maple syrup from Joe Abair, a bottle of beer sent anonymously from New Haven, a YD cigarette lighter from the Manchester Convention bunch and one anonymous letter pleading with me "give us the real dope on Hogan in your 'Irisher' stories." Being an editor has a few compensations.

BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

The lengthy recital had drawn to a close, ice cream and cake had been served, and the teacher was bidding the students goodbye. One of the little performers had brought her small brother with her. As he was about to leave the teacher beamingly asked, "Well, Bobby, did you enjoy the recital?" "Yes," answered Bobby, "all but the music."

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Moe—Who's the girl with the French heels?

Joe—She's my sister, and those guys ain't French.

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Professor—A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer.

Sophomore—No wonder I flunked.

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Two little buddies were comparing notes. "What does your father do when you ask him questions?" one asked. "He generally says, I'm busy now. Don't bother me'," replied the other, "then when I go out of the room he looks in the encyclopedia."

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A young bride walked into a drug store and approached a clerk timidly. "The baby tonic you advertise," she began, "Does it really make babies bigger and stronger"

"We sell a lot of it," replied the druggist, "and we've never had a complaint." "Well, I'll take a bottle," said the bride after a moment, and went out. In five minutes she was back. She got the druggist into a corner and whispered, "I forgot to ask about this baby tonic," she said under her breath. "Who take it — me or my husband?"

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From West Minneapolis News:

" 'For sheer fight and tricks and stamina,' says Pat Smith, local fishing expert, 'give me a smallmouth lass about sundown any evening.' "

A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

At the Wellesley College Conference on Mar. 27th you stated "I believe that what happened after the last war was responsible for the war we are fighting today, because the boys in the last war lost touch with their own community and came back without the actual feeling of obligation to carry on their thinking in the interests of their community. They came back, grouped themselves into blocs, into the Legion, and into other organizations in their own interests. They didn't feel they were coming back to a community where they had responsibility."

As the wife of a Commander-in-Chief who is doing one of the grandest jobs in history, we veterans accord you honor and respect. Most of us however feel that it was an unhappy day which saw you blame the veteran of the last war for causing the present one. Soldiers do not cause wars Mrs. Roosevelt, we are the ones who fight them — and die if necessary for the community in which you tell us we had no responsibility. We who went through the hell of Chateau Thierry and the Argonne, we loved our country Mrs. Roosevelt. More than that it's on the record that we proved it. They told us when we returned that it was a shame that we had fought and suffered and left our dead in France — for nothing. The war was a mistake we were told.

You are right however when you say that we grouped ourselves in organizations in our own interest. Do you know what the principal interest of the veteran is Mrs. Roosevelt? It was, is, and always will be, to see to it "that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

— The Editor.

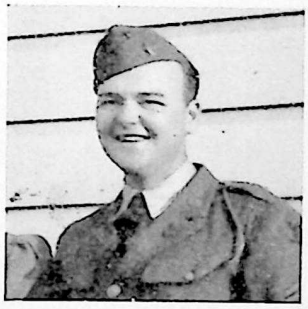
A. P. O.

New Haven YD men are striving valiantly to maintain their interest in the city's defense council. It has been a mess but a reorganization has been effected and the boys are hard at work learning first aid and stretcher work. There are six mobile units and eight zone station units.

YD Sons in the Service

Sgt. Gerald M. Driscoll
U. S. Air Corps, Canal Zone
Son of Michael Driscoll
F Co., 101st Eng.

Priv. Melvin Dunn
29th Div. Recruit Batt.
Son of the late Capt. John A. Dunn
Co. H, 101st Inf.



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Battery A, 180th F. Art.
Somewheres Overseas
Son of Bill Barter
Co. H, 101st Inf.

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FLAG MAKERS

By Captain Timothy J. Mulcahy,
Boston Chapter, YD
Director of Military Personnel
(101st Field Signal Bn. — 1917-19)

This morning, as I came to the office, the flag dropped me a most cordial salutation and from its rippling folds I heard it say: "Good morning, Mr. Flag Maker."

"Excuse me, Old Glory," I said, "aren't you mistaken? I am not the President of the United States nor a member of Congress, nor even a general in the Army. I am only a government employee."

"I greet you again, Mr. Flag Maker," replied the gay voice, "I know you well. You are the man who worked in the cold of yesterday building one of the hospital buildings in Zone VII, or perhaps you made out the weekly report, or made the plans for the new signal transmission building in Ft. Leonard Wood or settled that claim, or typed that letter to The Chief of Engineers. No matter, whichever one of these beneficent individuals you may happen to be, I give you greeting, Mr. Flag Maker."

"But," I said impatiently, "these people were only working!"

Then came a great shout from the flag: "The working that we do is the making of the flag. I am not the flag; not at all. I am but its shadow. I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become. I live a changing life, a life of moods and passion, of heartbreaks and tired muscles. Sometimes I am strong with pride, when men do honest work, fitting the rails together truly. Sometimes I droop, for their purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward. Sometimes I am loud, garrish, and full of that ego that blasts judgment. But always I am all that you hope to be, and have the courage to try for. I am song and fear, struggle and panic, and ennobling hope. I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring. I am the Constitution, and the courts, statutes, and the statute makers, soldier and dreadnaugh, chauffeur, and street sweep, cook, counsellor and clerk. I am the battle of yesterday, the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of men who do without knowing why. I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of a solution. I am no more than what you believe I can be. I am no more than what you made me, nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and my stripes are your dream and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your heart. For YOU are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making."

WE NEED BACK ISSUES OF THE YANKEE DOINGS

We can use any of the following issues to complete our file if you have them available and care to part with them: 1940 June, July, August, September, October, November, December; 1936 February, March; 1935 January February, March, April, May, June, July, October, November; 1934 March, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December; 1933 October; 1927 January, February, March, April; 1926 all issues needed; 1925 all needed, 1924 all needed; 1923 January, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

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CONN. DEPT. DOES FINE SERVICE FOR DISABLED

The work done by the Connecticut Department for the veterans at the Newington Veterans Facility, which cares for hospital cases from other New England states as well as from Connecticut, deserves mention in YANKEE DOINGS. In addition to YD stationery which has been made available at the hospital by New Haven Chapter, the Department has for several years distributed cigarettes once a month to all patients of whom YD men represent usually more than 10% of the 300 cases. Funds for this work have been raised entirely by voluntary contributions from our own membership. To build up this fund New Haven Chapter's Commander Fred Hirsch donated 1000 flyers which were mailed to the membership and $100 was raised by that means. The Department wishes to acknowledge the donors by chapter as follows: —

Bristol: William Thompson, Henry Gould, Clarence Smith, total — $3. Bridgeport: Chapter donation and Clarence Geer, total — $6. Hartford: John Curtin, Walter Simmons, Edgar Miller, Frank Holdin, H. L. Woodcock, Harry Robertson, Ed Hough, R. H. Stotzenback, total — $10. Manchester: Claude Mills, Thomas Curran, Thomas Morrison, George Hawley, George Booth, Edward Frazier, C. G. Beckwith, Mike Adamy, total — $11.50.

Meriden: Chapter donation, and L. C. Doane, Kenneth Parkin, Christian Anderson, total — $12. Middletown: Joseph Kolinsky, $1. New Britain: 24 cartons of cigarettes, Henry Meigs, Leo Shumsky, total — $2. New Haven: Edward Malone, Leonard Maloney, Joseph Marinan, ohn Dillon, Alex Flynn, Henry Dube, B. Wynne, Ray Buell, Joseph Schurk, Elbert Seden, Dominick Calistro, Harry Smith, Iver Coleman, Joseph Sanso, Howard Hurlburt, ohn DeMayo, John King, A. W. Smith, Frank Geary, Frank Lee, Robert Dudley, Herbert Fowler, Ray Charboneau, James Coleman, total — $26.50.

New London: William Stark, Kenneth Webb, Charles Pillar, total — $3. Norwalk: Chapter donation, and Stewart Scofield, John Phelan, total — $9.50. Stamford: Ray MacNichol, Guy Richardson, Tim Sullivan, total — $2.50. Torrington: George Allard, $1. Valley: Joseph Cunningham, $1. Waterbury: Chapter donation, $3. Willimantic: Chapter donation, and Elliott Moshier, Thomas Delaney, Euclid Pimpare, total — $8.

— Clyde G. Beckwith,
Dept. Secretary.

FROM THE "INLAND VETERAN"

Official Publication of Spokane, Post No. 9
Dept. of Washington

World War II has again brought to our midst former members of the A.E.F. in War I, each of whom are either Post Officers or have held important positions in the rank of the American Legion.

These distinguished gentlemen have each earned commissions through their service as Reserve Officers, and are now in regular service attached to the U. S. Air Corps.

Major Harold J. Smith, Past Commander of Wellesley Post No. 72, at Wellesley, Mass. He served the Yankee Division Veterans Association, as Judge Advocate for 20 years. For ten years he held the office of Asst. District Attorney for Norfolk and Plymouth Counties.

Captain Fred C. Maier also a member of Wellesley Post No. 72 also attached to the Air Corps.

Captain Leonard T. Cummings, a member of the American Legion at Lynn, Mass. Also attached to the Air Corps. Both accompanied Major Smith.

LITTLE BIRDS

"Dedicated to Marty"

Little birds that fly so high,
Little birds up in the sky.
Beauty of the world they bring,
To me a song they always sing.

Every day when I go out
I can see them fly about
And in the summertime I see
Bluebirds of happiness in the tree.

— By Ann G. Hill.

When we were shown this poem written by a little girl of twelve and dedicated to Martin Taylor of the YD Club of Boston we could see nothing funny about a youngster's faith which made such a poem possible. Today we are fighting this war that children may dream their dreams and be happy all over God's green earth.

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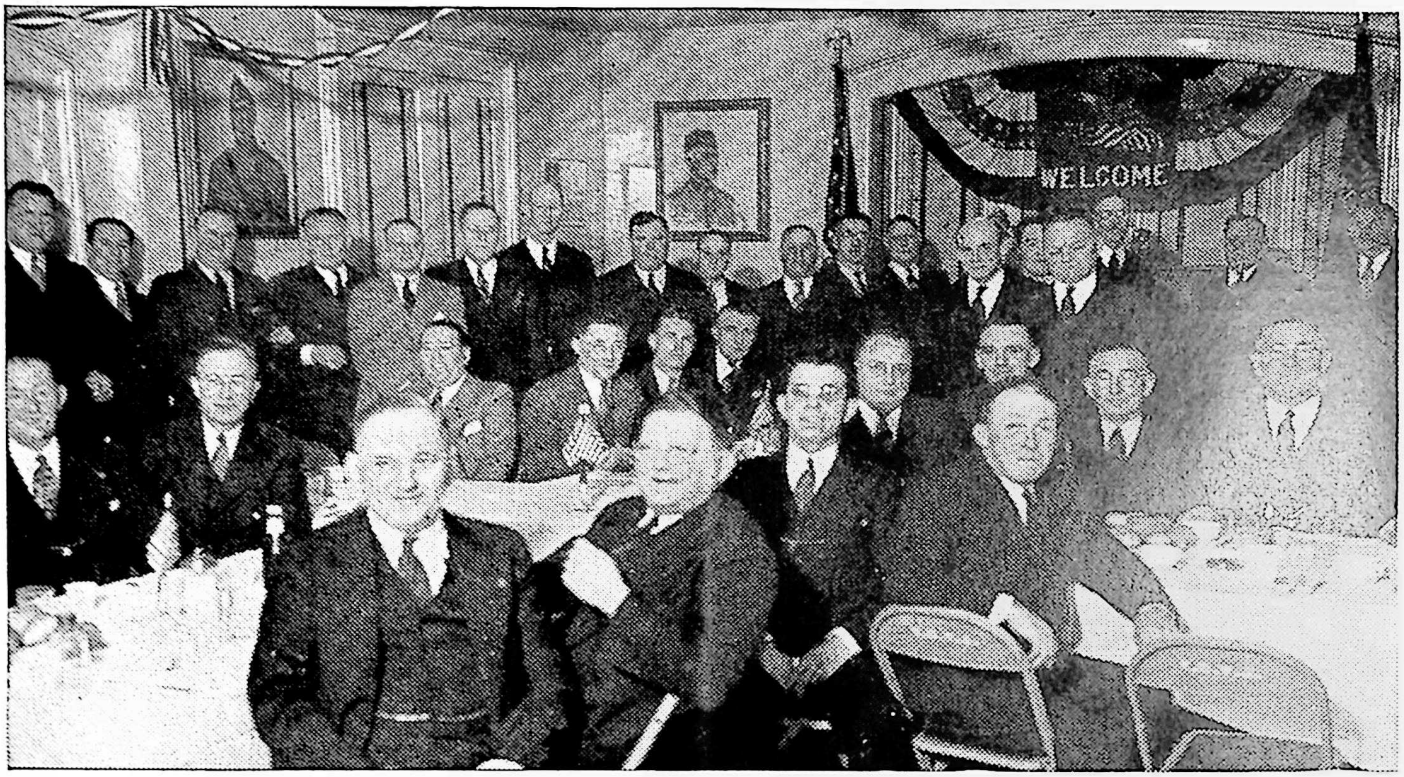

Seated left to right:—Raymond F. Charboneau, Color Bearer; Lockhart Stewart, Sgt.-at-Arms; Alfred W. Smith, Commander; Frederick V. Hirsch, Treasurer; Joseph F. Schurk, Historian. Standing:—John T. Dillon, Trustee; Floyd R. Becker, Chaplain; Robert W. Dudley, Junior Vice Commander; Frank J. Wrinn, Secretary; Henry J. Dube, Senior Vice Commander, and Leonard J. Maloney, Trustee.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER, YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION, OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE COMING YEAR

The above Veterans of World War I, were installed in office to carry on the Spirit and Business of the New Haven Chapter for their "Gallant Twenty-Sixth American Division", which term was used by Monsigneur Ginisty, Lord Bishop of Verdun, upon the deliverance of the citizens of Rupt, Mouilly and Genicourt co-incident with the capture of the St. Mihiel Salient September 12 and 13, 1918.

Major Leonard J. Maloney, Past National Commander, conducted the installation ceremonies assisted by Past Commanders of the New Haven Chapter, John T. Dillon and John J. Welch acting Sgt.-at-Arms, before a capacity attendance at the Chapter's YD Chateau, Feb. 26, 1942.

Among the YD guests were, Connecticut Department Senior Vice Commander Ben Bourne, Secretary Clyde Beckwith, and Historian Walter Boardman. J. "Buck" O'Brien, DSC, New York Chapter and many Comrades and Friends from various Chapters were present.

Following the induction of Officers, Retiring Commander Hirsch conferred on Major Leonard J. Maloney the Honorary Title of Past Commander of the New Haven Chapter and presented to him a gold Past Commander's Badge on behalf of the Chapter in appreciation of his ceaseless efforts in bringing cheer and helping his comrades and their families.

It is interesting to note that Major Maloney achieved the rare distinction of being chosen from the ranks, to become the organization's National Commander at the 1935 National Convention held in New Haven. He having never held office in the organization before.

— Henry J. Dube,
Secretary.

A Letter to the Editor from Col. Wayland Minot

Lowell General Hospital, Wd. 16
March 27, 1942

Editor, Yankee Doings,
200 Huntington Av., Boston.

Dear Sir:

When I was in Dick Miller's office yesterday waiting for that properly busy gent to see me I picked up the Christmas issue of "YANKEE DOINGS" lying on top of the usual mass of doctor's reading matter and ran across a brief article that bemoaned the variety of news on me and wound up by asking "How the h - l are you, Col. Minot?" Here's how (only I wish it could have the more usual, not to say, convivial meaning).

I started a "year's active duty" on June 15 and was assigned to the 71st FA Brigade (Corps Artillery, 6th Corps), appointed Brigade Anti-tank Officer forthwith and on June 19th held the first meeting of the officers of the four anti-tank batteries (8 — 75 mm each) of the two 155 mm How. regiments — the 186th and 187th — composed of N. Y. and Brooklyn National Guard Infantry. These four batteries were to be detached from their respective battalions and organized into an Anti-tank Battalion and on June 24th I was appointed Commanding Officer, Provisional Anti-tank Battalion, 71st FA Brig., later to become 71st A. T. Bn., and then later (since my hospitalization on Oct. 13), the 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

After eight weeks of organization and basic training the Battalion took part in the Devens maneuvers — last ten days of August and first ten of September, but for this period the battalion was detached from the brigade and worked with the 1st and 26th AT Bns. — the "K.O." of the latter, of course, being Eddie Sirois whom I had served with in France in the 102nd FA.

From Devens, the 71st AT Bn. was ordered to march to Camp Edwards, Sept. 11th to capture the new anti-tank range there on Sept. 16 and 17. The outfit did a grand baptismal job, demolishing 10 out of 12 fast-moving targets and smashing the rails on which the targets ran in several places. Returning overland to Ethan Allen we had from the 20th to the 27th of September to organize a Headquarters Battery and then we pulled out in the tail of the Brigade for the march to No. Carolina, and the "big" maneuvers.

Again the battalion was separated from the brigade and this time became part of a Tank Attacker Provisional Brigade. The first several days were spent transforming a literal wilderness into a snappy camp such as the old 26th Division became familiar with.

While reconnoitering in the woods with the infantry battalion commander, I got what seemed to me like a "stitch" — we all used to get 'em as kids when we ran to fires or to see a circus parade — of just sufficient severity to make me uncomfortable for the next 24 hours, but not so violent as to necessitate cessation of duties. The detachment surgeon had meanwhile suggested that I ought to have "just a check-up" at the hospital at Ft. Bragg, and he sold me the idea that it would do no harm to have an electro-cardiograph to see if anything had gone wrong with the old ticker. — Alas! I agreed that it would be at least a precaution, so went to Station Hospital No. 2, on the afternoon of the 13th. I am still a patient! And after several cardiographs had been taken I was finally diagnosed as the victim of a "coronary." I haven't had an ache or a pain since Oct. 11th, but it looks as though the current W.D. policy of retiring all "coronaries" — irrespective of mildness or apparently complete cure — would mean my retirement some time in the next couple of months — you YD men know how fast Army red tape moves!

Physically disabled, and I never felt better.

That's how the h - ll I am, and thanks, first for your interest in publishing the pertinent question that prompted this note and second for your patience in reading a brief history of my situation.

Sincerely,
— WAYLAND M. MINOT.

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IT'S ALMOST CONVENTION TIME

23rd Annual Convention
June 25, 26, 27, 28, 1942

Plans for the 23rd annual convention are proceeding apace and the time is rapidly drawing near when we will gather again to talk over old times and enjoy ourselves, and also carry on the business of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Registration will be taken all day Thursday the 25th, and in the evening there is planned a first class show for the entertainment of members and friends. Ben Johnson is in charge of this event and we have spared no expense in making this one of the finest shows it is possible to get together. It's coming from New York. Ben is being assisted by a very able committee, and they will do a good job.

Friday morning of course will be registrations and the business meeting. In the afternoon the piece de resistance of the whole convention, namely the clam bake in charge of Henry Roux. This is to be held at Riverside Park and is something really worth while. In fact the price of registration just about covers the cost of the bake. It consists of clam chowder, clams, lobster or chicken including all the trimmings and a bottle of beer. Mr. Carroll of Riverside Park is calling it YD Day and has special tickets printed which gives all who register a 30% reduction in all amusements. The transportation problem has not been worked out in full but will be taken care of.

At 7 P. M. the Horribles parade will take place. Any one who has seen one of these will know what to expect and what is expected of them. Harry G. Valentine is chairman for this parade.

At 9 o'clock the military ball will be held at the Auditorium. The chairman of this event, Roy M. Coons has certainly outdone anything in the past. He is negotiating for a well known orchestra. It is planned to have a concert from 8 to 9 and then dancing until 2 A. M. Roy is being assisted in this outstanding event by a very able committee and you can certainly expect a good time. After the ball you can go to bed or stay up all night if you wish. It's all up to you.

Saturday, of course, is the usual registration in the morning and also the business meeting. At 10 A. M. the drum corps competition starts at Pynchon Park. This is in charge of Arthur Barlow and plans are progressing rapidly for this event. The afternoon parade in charge of State Commander Edward Maley starts at 2 P. M. sharp at Winchester Square. Any of you who were here at the Legion convention in 1936 will remember the route. It's not too far and all level or down hill. Commander Maley has the help of a large committee and is receiving the full co-operation of the Police Department.

Saturday evening is the time for organization banquets and plans for these are progressing under the guidance of Walter Gilligan. Any arrangements for a dinner should be made at once as there is much to be done and to do a good job the committee should have ample notice.

Sunday, the memorial Mass is to be said by the Divisional Chaplain Rev. George S. L. Connor. This will be held at Forest Park and anyone who has heard our Chaplain speak will find it worth his while to stay over until Sunday, for this. Rev. Fr. Connor is chairman for the Memorial Mass.

You should bear in mind that to fully enjoy this convention, you must register. The women and guests are also expected to register as a special program is being arranged for all women who do so by Mrs. Dennis J. Brunton, chairman of the woman's committee.

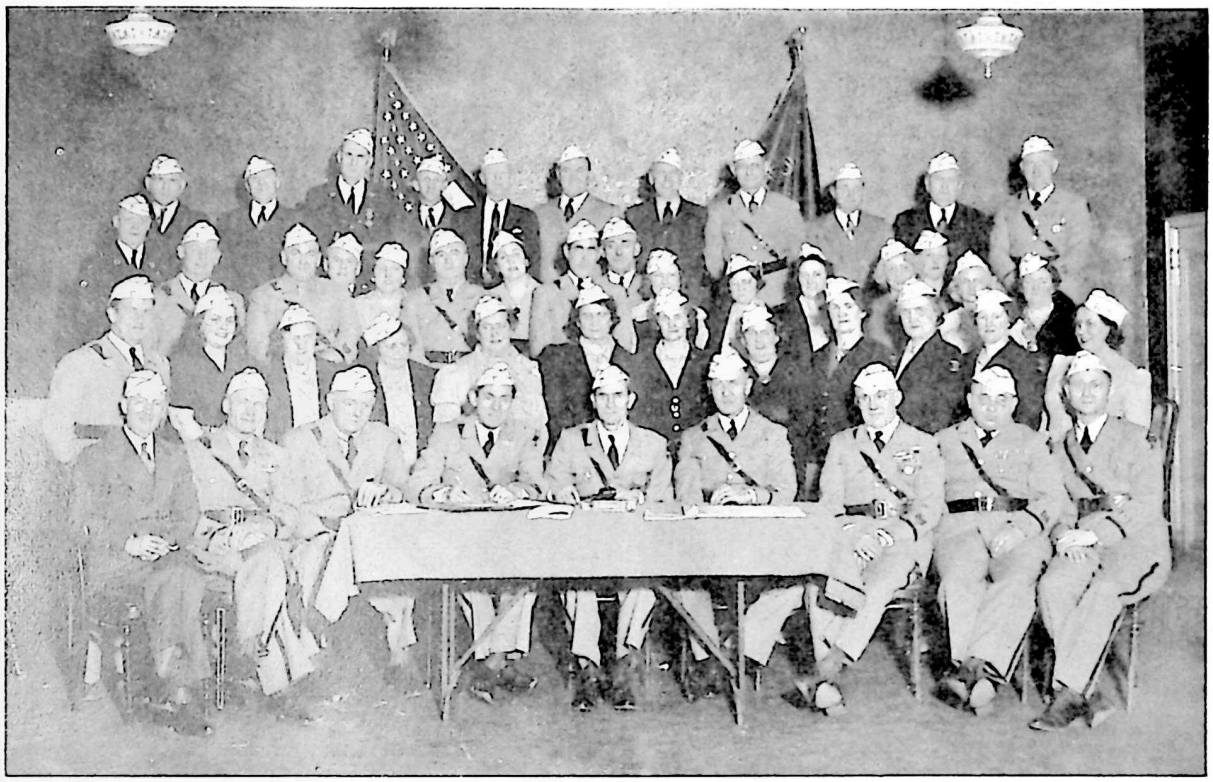
The women and guests who register will also receive all the tickets and souvenirs, etc., that are included with the members registration.

And finally don't forget your advance registration $2.00 until May 25. Try and get a Chapter prize.

Chairman Chapter Commander Dennis J. Brunton and the committee are striving to give you the best convention you ever had.

DO YOUR PART.

— Julian T. Martindale,
Chairman of Publicity.



This is your 23rd Annual Convention Committee at their meeting at Hotel Charles, Springfield, Mass., March 29th.

A LETTER TO CHAPTER COMMANDERS FROM CONVENTION PRESIDENT

Dear Chapter Commander:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the Advance Registrations received to date. However, I need your whole-hearted support in giving Advance Registrations your earnest consideration, as I actually need ONE THOUSAND ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS. Why not have your Chapter Register in Advance, One Hundred Percent, NOW. Here is a chance to win one of the cash prizes and swell your Chapter fund.

I am going to let you in on a little inside information that should assist you in selling Advance Registrations.

All those Registering will receive:—

1 — Ticket to a high class entertainment that is costing the Convention Corporation Fifteen Hundred Dollars. This event to take place Thursday Evening, June 25, in our own Auditorium.

2 — Ticket to a real New England Stone Clam Bake. This event to take place Friday afternoon at New England's most beautiful recreation park, more familiarly known, as Riverside Park.

3 — Ticket for the Military Ball, where we plan to have one of the most outstanding orchestras of today.

We have noted above the highlights of the Convention. Of course, there will be tickets galore for other events such as: Drum Corps Competition, Memorial Services, etc.

So Keep 'Em Flying, Keep 'Em Rolling and Keep sending in those Advance Registrations.

Yours in Comradeship,
Roswell F. Patch,
Hotel Charles,
1757 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.
Chairman of Registration.

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WE WANT MORE BANDS, MORE DRUM CORPS, MORE UNITS IN LINE THAN EVER BEFORE. PLAN TO ENTER NOW!

A. P. O.

We also suggest that you note Max Stayman's ad offering YD shirts and ties. He pays cold cash every year to advertise in DOINGS and since it helps all of us we hope you'll place your orders with Max to help him.

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Past Commander

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Editor Found Guilty by Providence

Dear Comrades:

Comments from a satisfied reader: For quite some time I have been a reader of DOINGS and when I say I read it from cover to cover I really mean it. It seems to me that our Editor has reached his objective in trying to make our magazine a homey affair to be enjoyed by all.

Trying to please everyone is a task in itself. This old YD outfit of ours is what one would call a league of nations as we have within our ranks men of every creed and race whose vocations vary from that of a laborer to a bank president. To satisfy all concerned I imagine is at times a problem.

Reading the contributions from machinists, bricklayers, and what not I'll admit many of us are crude in expressing our convictions and I imagine our Editor gets quite a kick out of the way we express ourselves and at the same time appreciates our co-operation as he readily understands that all received is a contribution towards a bigger and a better Y.D.V.A. As an Editor he understands the game of give and take. When God made man he made none of us perfect, therefore, we are not immune from making mistakes.

As a self appointed Judge in this trial I now call the defendant before the Bar of Justice. Comrade Sgt.-of-Arms Girvan — will you kindly escort the prisoner to the Bar. If he so desires this court will appoint P.C. Ed Mara as his attorney. Comrade Jules the court now speaks.

Editor Jules — In a recent issue of DOINGS you confessed to the fact that you had received a letter from a certain comrade that, if printed, would turn RED the faces of individuals in a certain Chapter. Unintentionally or otherwise you held the rabbit by the tail and left certain members of a Chapter guessing as to what the animal's head looked like. Supposing, you were a member of that Chapter — How would you feel?

Comrade Jules, you now stand before the Bar of Justice. Stand erect, feet together, take a deep breath and throw out your chest to lessen the shock. As editor of DOINGS you are sentenced to listen to me. At this time I, as an individual Judge of YANKEE DOINGS desire to congratulate you for this month's issue. In my opinion I believe you have reached your objective in giving to DOINGS the personal touch required of a magazine to suit men of so many walks of life. The pictures and general set-up I believe is one of your best issues — Court is adjourned. I remain,

Yours in Comradeship,

— HINKY DINKY.

Ed. note: The less said about that letter the better. I'm sure the comrade who wrote it is now glad I blue-penciled it. — And thanks for the bouquet.

A. P. O.

Oliver W. Hammond (101st Infantry), who for years has been making a valiant fight to regain his health, writes from Clearwater, Florida, that he has far enough recovered to begin to think about returning to work again.

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Frank Bacon, member of the New Haven Chapter, enlisted as a private in the regular army and is now at Fort Devens. Frank hopes to secure an assignment as a dental mechanic.

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Ezeb J. Lapan of 53 South Park St., Willimantic, Ct., has been awarded the contract as mail messenger between the local post office and railroad station.

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander Eliot A. Carter, Elliott St., Nashua, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

PORTLAND

"Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Austin G. Lund
168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Harold H. Rutter
270 Longfellow St., Westbrook, Me.

What became of our news item, last month. It was mailed in as usual and not late, but failed to see it in last month's DOINGS. (Ed. note: Didn't arrive says Guy Watts.) There was a nice item however from the newly formed Auxiliary, by the Commander's daughter, who is Secretary. At our April meeting we shall elect new officers for the coming year. A nominating committee consisting of Orin H. (Top) Tyler, Earl A. Howard and Richard S. Moxcey, are to bring in names of candidates to be voted on. Many of us would like to see the present Commander re-elected, as he has done a fine job. One day this month, Comm. Lund and myself called on Dr. William H. Lynch who served in the Medical Unit of 103rd F. A. Although Dr. Lynch will soon be 82 years young and isn't feeling very good, he is still a fine YD man and very interesting to talk with. Comm. Lund has lately called on the following Buddies at their home. Charles Bibeau, Co. C, 103rd Inf.; Daniel H. Gilpatrick, Co. B, 101st Eng.; Henry H. McCullough, Co. K, 101st Inf. Mishel Kahill, Co. C, 103rd Inf. is now in Veterans Hospital at Togus, Me. All members of Cumberland County Chapter send best wishes and hope you will soon be with us again Mishel.

— Harold H. Rutter.

Cumberland County Auxiliary

On Monday evening, March 9th, the Ladies' Auxiliary, Cumberland County Chapter, held a meeting at the home of President, Mrs. Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland. Mrs. Elton P. Walker was elected second trustee.

Material for skirts, socks and helmets was distributed among the members to be made up for the Red Cross.

On Sunday, March 15th, by pre-arrangement with their Commanding Officers, a group of the members and their husbands prepared sandwiches, cake and coffee, and distributed it among soldiers on duty at a point some distance from Portland. It being a very disagreeable, stormy day the boys certainly did appreciate it.

Through this contact some of our members and their husbands have seen to it that other things have been sent them that would add a little to their comfort and well being.

We are now all very busy making articles for the Red Cross.

— Margaret H. Lund,
Secretary.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Alfred Poirier
13 Western Ave., Waterville, Me.
Secretary: James E. McMahon

Nine paid up members for 1942 was reported at the meeting of the Waterville Chapter, Thursday night, March 26. Thirteen members turned out and then ELLIOTT HALE came in from his travels around the state to gab for a while. The only local activity at the moment is trying to find a suitable field for a carnival and membership. We hope to be successful in both endeavors.

The boys promised to turn out in force for the Lewiston state meeting if Lewiston will let us know a week in advance of the event. The feeling was that we might get enough to hire a bus.

All the boys are interested in Civilian Defense and classes, etc. are keeping everyone busy. There is much to do, but the YD boys in this vicinity will be in there trying.

There is nothing more to write that I can think of. My boy Dick just walked in after a tour of duty in Iceland with the Marines.

—JIM MCMAHON.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 2 Arrow St., Rochester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, 59 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

STATE MEETING

The regular Department meeting was held in Manchester, N. H. March 1st in the VFW Hall. A very good meeting and a surprising good attendance for the way most of the Yanks are working these days. A lot of them are on Defense work and the North Country roads are in very bad shape. But all in all there are some of them who would go through hell to make the Department meeting and meet their comrades. It only goes to show the boys sure think a lot of each other and always looking to seeing them and looking to see if so and so is there or what in hell became of him since 1917. That is one of the greatest times of our life when we meet one of our own that we have not seen or heard of for twenty years. The look on their faces and the handshake tells you what they think of you and it is what they went through together that made them that way.

As I look back to the meeting last Sunday I remember one of our comrades getting up and making this remark, "When you sit in on one of your meetings you are not afraid to hurt the fellow next to you as he was there as well as you, and boy, doesn't it feel good to sit back as the years come creeping on and you say to yourself, 'I was over there in 1917-18 and did my part.' "

So comrades, in closing I would like to remind you about your dues for 1942-43. Get them in and get that other fellow that you knew so long ago. He is one of us and we want him with us again. Come back to the Dugout where we were once. We are still the same. Let us all meet at Springfield, Mass. this year, as you know those Springfield boys are going the limit to give you a good time.

—ALBERT J. SHEPARD.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John J. Taylor
Derry, N. H.
Secretary: Raymond J. Beauchesne
424 Concord St., Manchester, N. H.

The chairman of the nominating committee, GEORGE WINGATE, submitted the following list of candidates for nomination to office:

Commander, WALTER B. SMITH; Senior Vice Commander, John Blidberg; Junior Vice Commander, Francis Hayes; Chaplain, George Wingate; Secretary, Felix Boisvert; Treasurer, Arthur Card, Jr.; Sgt.-at-Arms, Arthur Gilmore; Trustee for 3 years, John Taylor.

By motion of Comrade Forrest Drury the nominations were closed and the secretary cast one ballot and the above named candidates were elected to office for the coming year. Arrangements were made whereby the installation of these officers would be held at the next meeting which would b April 8, 1942 and the installation to be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Hanover Street, Manchester, N. H.

Commander John Taylor reported a successful State meeting both in the number of members present at the meeting and also from the financial standpoint.

There was an announcement that Commander Taylor was chairman of a committee to arrange for and attend to the registrations for the Springfield, Mass. Convention to be held in June.

It was voted at this meeting that the Chapter would contribute their proportionate share of money for the purpose of obtaining a set of colors for the New Hampshire State Department.

At this meeting United States Defense Bonds in the sum of $2500.00 were turned over to the Chapter which they had agreed to purchase some time ago.

Meeting was well attended. Commander John Taylor presided. John W. Dunlap was acting secretary.

—JOHN W. DUNLAP.

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DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

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Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Joseph L. Bourget
907 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

MEETINGS — THIRD THURSDAY

When you read these lines, Apremont Chapter will have accomplished something that will make each one of its members proud that they belong to the most progressive Chapter in the Y.D.V.A. I say this, not merely as a boast, but as a challenge to the entire organization. Show me another Chapter which started as a baby chapter four years ago with twenty some members, finished this year, March 31st, with 134 and (here's the big news) starts the new year April 1st with 140 paid up members — 100% reup plus 6 or 7 new members. Gentlemen, that's the kind of YD Spirit you will find in Pawtucket. You might ask— who is responsible for this? The answer is — the entire membership. The genuine cooperation of every member, with a few self-appointed hard workers with a burning desire to send our new commander, Al Shabbott, on his way with a flying start to establishing a new record in the coming year. I am sure the entire membership joins with me in saying "Good luck, Al — We are all with you."

Apremont has just completed one of its most successful meetings: 115 people were present. A collation was served with refreshments (both hard and soft) and the committee had made preparations for dancing (Juke Box), but if you don't mind my saying so, "I think we are getting old". The band played on, but I failed to see anyone "strut". Perhaps we should have had a show. The most important business of this meeting was nomination of officers:

For Commander, Albert Shabbott; Sr. Vice-Commander, Joseph Frechette, Boyd Norton; Jr. Vice-Commander, James Macallum; Chaplain, Francis Keough; Secretary, Ralph Dexter; Treasurer, Al Plant; Historian, Herbert Murray; Trustee, Herbert Grylls.

Among our guests who were introduced at this meeting were Cecile Hanson, Commander of Post No. 4, American Legion and a member of Apremont and Jack Cornett, Past Commander of Post No. 4, American Legion, Past Chef de Gare 40-8 and always a very good friend of the YD, who spoke on the Red Cross and its first aid units in relation to civilian defense. Apremont was also host to the State Department at this meeting.

This year, Apremont is combining its annual banquet with the installation and it will be held at the Pawtucket Golf Club on Saturday, May 2nd. The Committee is planning the "Biggest" night in the Chapter's history. The Golf Club has changed its routine. Everything is on one floor. You will be seated at your table for dinner and remain at the same table all evening. Service is night club style. Our National Commander Elliott Carter and his staff will install the officers after which you may dance until the wee hours. The sky is the limit. From here, everything looks like another "record breaker" in Apremont's history. Let's go. Dance your cares away with your YD Comrades on Saturday, May 2nd, 1942. — Will see you there!

— J. L. B.

P.S. — Cowboy Jim Sullivan promised to bring Past National Commander Austin Appleby and wherever you find those two "You'll Find Fun! !"

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edward C. Maley, 21 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, R.F.D. No. 2, Springfield, Mass.

STATE DEPT. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the State Department was held at the YD Club of Boston March 1st by Commander MALEY. The meeting was delayed because of the fact that many members of the Association attended the funeral of Past National Vice Commander BEN PITMAN of the United States.

Judge Advocate Smith of Beverly made a complete report on the amendments to the By-

laws and a motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted as read and acted on at the next meeting.

Report of Highway Committee: Past N. C. DOUCETTE of Lynn reported on YD Highway markers. Assurance was given to Comrade Doucette that proper markers would be placed.

All the Department officers were present.

Commander Maley then presented the Secretary of the New York Chapter who extended the greetings of the New York Chapter and expressed his appreciation of the turnout of the YD Comrades to Ben Pitman's funeral.

P.N.C. Appleby nominated Leon W. Varnum of Lynn for the office of Commander. Motion carried. Clyde O. Elliott nominated Jr. Vice Commander Harry Pluff of Haverhill for Sr. Vice Commander. Motion carried. Comrade Goodreau of Fitchburg nominated H. Harold Crain of Fitchburg for Jr. Vice Commander. Motion carried. Judge Advocate Smith of Beverly nominated by Doucette of Lynn seconded by Crokan of Springfield. Comrade declined.

Comrade Elliott nominated Sgt.-at-Arms Roy Coons of Springfield, seconded by Doucette of Lynn. Comrade Coons declined. Comrade Knught of Lynn nominated Walter Smith of Lynn, seconded by Farrell of Fitchburg. Comrade Smith declined. Comrade Snow of Boston nominated Comrade Farrell of Fitchburg, seconde by Doucette of Lynn. Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed.

Crokan of Springfield, nominated present Judge Advocate Smith, seconded by Doucette of Lynn. Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Nominations for Chaplain: Tarlton of Haverhill nominated but declined. Knight of Lynn also declined. Ruddock also declined. Kane of Lawrence was nominated by Comrade Sullivan and the nomination was seconded by Smith of Lynn. Motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Nominations for Historian: Comrade Davis of Danver was nominated by Judge Advocate of Beverly and it was seconded by Smith of Lynn. Motion made and seconded that all nominations be closed until the next meeting of the State Department in Haverhill April 5th at 2 P. M. Motion carried.

BOSTON

Commander: Albert M. Pacifici
77 Sycamore St., Somerville, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

A very timely and interesting talk was given at the March Smoker by Thomas Yahkub, B.S., M.A., S.T.B., on "India". Mr. Yahkub was born in India and attended several colleges there. His talk was one of the most interesting we have had this year and held the interest of the members through the entire evening.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held prior to the Smoker and the following slate of Officers were elected: Commander, Albert M. Pacifici, Vice Commanders, Edward A. Connor, Joseph C. Simmons, Arthur F. Ryan; Treasurer, Frank W. Coppinger; Secretary, H. Guy Watts; Directors, Fred L. Jackson, John L. Riley, Erroll G. Emery, George R. Roberts, James H. Sullivan, and August K. Ely.

The report of the Treasurer showed a dropping off of the revenue of the Club for the year, due to the previous year having two National Conventions and also loss of revenue by rent. The prospect for the coming year is very good and should be a banner one.

— Guy Watts.

Boston Auxiliary

A very successful penny sale was held last month at the home of Mrs. Hazel Murphy and a tidy sum was realized.

The membership drive is commencing to show results. We have added to our roster, Mrs. Allen Smith Jr., Mrs. Powell and Miss Marjorie Murphy. We are pleased to welcome them to our ranks and hope that by next meeting we will have the pleasure of admitting double that number.

Those serving as Chairman on various Committees this year are as follows:

Auditing, Mrs. Ethel Alsen; Hospital, Mrs. Adele Hendrickson; Welfare, Mrs. Helen Kellen; Membership, Mrs. Bertha Kenney; Publicity, Miss Catherine O'Donnell; Floral, Mrs. Allen T. Smith; Sewing, Mrs. Agnes Lacasse; Bazaar, Miss Lillian Kellen; Sick, (Feb. and Mar.), Mrs. Annie Travis, Mrs. Helen Kellen.

Sewing holds forth every Tuesday from 10.00 A. M. to 3.00 P. M. in the large upper hall at

the Club, and Mrs. Lacasse would like to see more of the members attending. The hospital sewing is going along very well, and the Bazaar articles are piling up rapidly. If you have any novel ideas for articles we'd appreciate your letting us in on them. Can we count on seeing you for the sewing this coming Tuesday? We know you'd enjoy being with us.

No social activity planned for this month on account of Easter. At the time of this writing, finishing touches were being put on very attractive gift packages for our boys at Rutland Hts.

— Kay O'Donnell.

FOXBORO
Commander: Fred Knight
Secretary: Warren Carberg
West Medway, Mass.

The greatest thrill of all is to meet someone from the old outfit that you haven't seen since the World War days. That's what happened to Commander Fred Knight, Warren Carberg and Frank Kennedy of the Foxboro Chapter while they were lapping up a few beers after the last meeting.

The newcomer was Pete Cloutier, formerly top kick in C Company of the 103rd Infantry who has been a papermaker in Maine and in Canada and who is now working on a construction project at the Pondville State Hospital.

Pete looks practically as young as ever, save that he has thickened up about the midriff and what's more he is keen for more active service if he can persuade Uncle Sam to accept him. If he is as good as he was in the World War he should be aces, and should go far to help winning the present fracas. Barring a certain antipathy for M.P.s, Pete was always a model soldier. He is anxious to meet Dutch Hailler, the West Roxbury druggist and some of the other boys in the outfit. Had a card from Winnie Mandell who is proprietor of a big farm and a lot of prize cattle at South End Farms in Millis. He writes that he hopes to get over to one of the meetings soon. The only thing that is holding him up at the present time is the recent arrival of a two weeks' old daughter who to use his own words, "keeps me tied down at present." His old buddy Burt Ashby of Foxboro was at the meeting the other night. "Tell Winnie that I would like to see him," he said. Frank Kennedy is anxious to meet Matt Phelan.

Cap Lauff, the captain of the guard at the State Prison Colony is ill at the Vets hospital in Rutland and would like to get a card from some of the old gang. This business of being laid up is kind of lonesome. Maybe some of the bunch with cars can get out to say hello to him. Commander Knight is planning to drive out and bring him some cigarettes.

Chaplain Myron Peabody who was laid up with a severe hemorrhage of the stomach is once more in circulation and looks pretty well although he is still on a diet. He has put his pipe in the moth balls along with the snake bite cure although he still sneaks a chew when the doc isn't around.

Any member of C Company of the 103rd Infantry who lives in the vicinity who wants to see Pete Cloutier at the April meeting drop me a line to Shaw St., Medway and we will arrange to get you down.

—Warren Carberg.

HAVERHILL
Commander: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chesnut St., Groveland, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
19 West St., Haverhill, Mass.

With the advent of the "old man's draft" April 26-27, there's still a chance for some of us to wear service ribbons on you know what. Wouldn't it be tough on us to lose a brand new commander to a Sam Browne? It can happen. In fact it was mentioned in this column some time ago how Perry Tarleton was being groomed for a commission in 1917 by being ordered from his beloved horses to the guns, but he kicked like a mule and went back to his "hosses."

Our military ball which usually takes place during April has been postponed until Fall, due to conditions and a full civic calendar.

We were presented a beautiful picture of the dugout at Dunroving by Mrs. Gertrude M. Nettle, wife of Dr. Paul Nettle.

Our dugout should be changed to Beehive, due to the activities it houses. Monday and Saturday first aid classes, Tuesday chapter meeting and drum corps rehearsal, Wednesday auxiliary, Thursday whist part. Friday it can rest.

Wally Burnham was chairman of a penny sale held the same night Battery "A" Association held its annual meeting in our quarters. Thanks a lot, fellows. "A" has a committee working on details of our annual blow-out. It will be stag. "A" is supporting Uncle Sam by buying defense bonds to the tune of (censored) some tune.

Martin "Dad" and Mrs. Galvin have moved to Lawrence, but Dad promises to attend meetings as usual.

If you are out at Kelsey nurseries, Boxford, ask for Chet Brown, (Batt. A, 102nd F. A.). Heard that Frank Welch, now of Saco, Maine, has had a mean Winter. What say, Frank?

The drum corps committee is a body that works. The planning, financing, supervision of instructors and many other details fall to Tarleton, Meteyer, Burnham and Seymour (and ladies, too). And no one has quit.

Here is one for all chapters. Francis Lynch is sponsor of a defense bond raffle and heads the committee. You got something there.

Pat Hughes, Batt. A, 102nd F. A., ex-soldier of two wars, has begun to breathe easier after receiving a telegram from his son, Edmund, that he was picked up after his tanker was torpedoed. Ed, a former Marine, was landed in Trinidad. Pat's other boy is in the Army.

Remember, old timers, if your boy is in the service, his picture can make YANKEE DOINGS, thanks to a good policy.

— Ballard Crockett.
Secretary.

LYNN

Commander: Perley E. Knight
16 Archer St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Christian Schacht
197 Adams St., Malden, Mass.

Annual election of officers took place March 24th with following results — Claude Hoag was elected Commander. Claude served with Battery D, 101st Field Artillery and being a real good soldier, should make a splendid leader the coming year. He has a fine record in civilian life as well as in Veteran activities. Earl Bailey was elected Senior Vice Com. and served with Bat. E, 101st F. A. Robert Newman was chosen as our Junior Vice Com. and to have proper support for the Artillery, we picked Bob for having served with the 103rd Infantry. Three good leaders, so Lynn should fare well for the next three years. Others elected were, Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette; Sgt.-at-Arms, Leslie Pugh; Historian, Leon Varnam; Chaplain, Percy Paige; Trustee Trust Fund, 3 year term, Lloyd Pitman; Executive Committee, Dr. Chester Brown, Eustis Grimes, Walter Smith, James Connolly, Richard Hennessey.

Secretary will be appointed later as Constitution allows Commander-elect to select his own.

Election committee consisted of Carl Ruddock, Arthur Jannell and Samuel Weiner.

Installation of Officers will be held on April 11th at the exclusive Oxford Club and a splendid program has been arranged by the committee composed of Carl Ruddock, chairman; Walter Smith, Ray Doucette, Perley Knight, Leo Farley, Robert Quinn, Earl Bailey, and Claude Hoag.

Next smoker will be April 28th.

Two of our members recently lost their dear mothers and our deepest sympathy goes out to Bernard Hoy and Edward "Ned" Conway in their sorrow. Both women had been hard workers for World War Veterans for many years.

Our annual Health Week Nite went over with a bang, led by Royal Thomas and Lloyd Pitman. Dr. Raymond Harpin gave a splendid talk and entertainment topped off a real party for members and their wives. Commander Perley Knight has had a very successful year and has has appointed a membership committee to try and gain the "Philip Sanborn" trophy. Raymond Doucette, P.N.C. is in charge, assisted by Earl Bailey, Walter Smith, George Merrill, Eustis Grimes, John Sullivan, Richard Hennessey, Frank Connolly, Rudolph Heftye and Willis Harvey.

— Raymond Doucette.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Dennis Brunton
42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

At the meeting of March 20th which was held at the Hotel Charles the following officers were elected for the coming year.

Commander, THOMAS CROKAN; Sr. Vice Com., Clarence Ross; Jr. Vice Com., Harry Valentine; Secretary, Roy Coons; Treasurer, Benjamin Johnson; Chaplain, Thomas McElhone; Sgt.-at-Arms, William Fisher; Judge Advocate, John Meffen; Historian, Arthur Foisey; Trustees, Roswell Patch, Arthur Barlow, Robert Burns.

YD NATIONAL CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 25-6-7-8

The Chapter is glad to hear that Comrade James Joy is back home from Newington Hospital after his long stay. Well, Jim, they can not keep a good man down.

We are also sorry to hear that Comrade Edward Kennedy is in the hospital and all hope for a speedy recovery.

It sure was good to attend the last meeting and see so many new members that were there that I knew by name only by sending them notices of the meeting. There were 48 members present at this meeting and this number of members should attend all meetings.

Dues are now due for the coming year and we have a very fine start with 28 paid up members. If you can not attend meetings just put your $3.00 in an envelope and mail it in and we will be more than glad to receive it. So, what do you say comrades, let's make this a banner year for the chapter.

Chairman Dave Hogan and his committee did a very fine job on refreshments and entertainment at the last meeting.

Chairman Harry Valentine and his committee for the installation are working hard to make this affair a real bang up one. If you are planning to attend contact the chairman. What about the taxi ride Harry? Was it raining?

—Roy M. Coons.

Springfield Auxiliary

On March 16th, we held our annual membership supper at Stella's in Agawam.

Our annual nomination and election of officers took place on the same evening. The following is a list of our newly elected officers:

President, Mrs. Katherine Crokan; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Irene Coons; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Loretta Huntley; Treasurer, Mrs. Anne Valentine; Chaplain, Mrs. Walter Gilligan; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Ruth Ross; Historian, Mrs. Ethel Champayne.

We shall hold our installation of officers on April 11th at the Hotel Charles.

I know you will all be interested to hear that Mrs. Walter Gilligan is recuperating at her home after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Brunton has been appointed chairman of the committee to assist the YDVA Convention Corporation in formulating plans to entertain the women who register for the Convention in June.

It is the earnest wish of Mrs. Brunton that all women who possibly can register in advance for the convention without any delay.

— Florence H. Patch,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence W. Geer, 60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: William J. Shields
153 Birch St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

At the March meeting the following officers, to be installed April 14th, were elected:

Commander, Ernest Peterson; SVC, David McCollum; JVC, John Andrew Holzheimer; Secretary, Clyde G. Beckwith; Treasurer, George Booth; Sgt-at-Arms, Raymond Smith; Color Bearers, William Shields, Arthur McCann; Auditors, Walter Balch, Frank Blanchard; Board of Governors, William Shields, Arthur McCann, Clyde Beckwith.

We plan to enter the Convention Horribles Parade. The slogan is "Beat Apremont."

Dave McCollum, local State Guard Captain and Army and Navy Club steward, is back in Newington Hospital again.

Harold F. Gray has had another trip to Newington, too.

Police Commissioner Bill Allen's Auxiliary Police include Walter Mahoney, Bill Leggett, Frank Blanchard and Clyde Beckwith.

Nineteen YD men in town are young enough to be in the Third Selective Draft. This gives Art McCann, on the Draft Board, a chance to ship us all to Australia. —See-Bee.

NUTMEG NOTES

Martin J. Cummings of Meriden, who made the famous speech at Bristol's party denouncing the thin coca-cola uniforms the State Guard had to wear on post in bitter winter cold, had the

satisfaction of getting immediate action so that the boys had woolens the next week. Now he has organized the Dawn Patrol, an organization which has the primary purpose of doing those things the veteran organizations do not do and putting men in office who will do the things they ought to do. Marty will be installed as Commander of Meriden Chapter at Fraternity Hall, April 25th.

Willimantic's installation will be April 11th at the Legion Hall. Zeb Lapan, Commander-elect, is past commander of the VFW post.

Stamford's installation will be Easter Sunday, 2.30 P.M. at Carpenter Hall on Gay Street. It is a joint installation with the Ladies Auxiliary.

New Haven Chapter now meets at New Haven Arena, 26 Grove Street, Room 102. Yes, 102 and 26 are real YD numbers.

Hartford Chapter has now completed three years distributing cigarettes to all YD men every Wednesday night at Newington and is still on the job. More power to Harry Robertson and his buddies.

Middletown Chapter's annual dance was held in spite of very bad weather. Buck Adams of Meriden did loud speaker service. No mike fright, Buck, but you may have been hoarse from a colt. —SEE-BEE.

HARTFORD

Commander: Herbert E. Nelson
492 Broadview Ter., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

Just seven years ago this time several bright hustlers, former fighters of the good old YD Division got the idea of starting a chapter of the YD here in Hartford.

Not forgetting however that a fellow by the name of Len Maloney from down state was leading the way for all Connecticut to follow when he brought the YD convention to this State for the first time.

But it was fellows like Ed Miller, Bill Sullivan, Ed Pactor, Mike Connor, Carl Banks, Johnny Costello, Harry Robertson, Ben Bourn, Joe Foley, Joe Nolan, Ed Lamb, Jim Yacavone, Bill Barber, Bush Hedges, Phil Moriarty, Joe Orient, and yes several more that put in plenty of time and effort to contact and sign up and get this chapter off to a good start.

Once on the way many more like Andy Riga, Pop Falls, Herb Nelson, John Carter, Dr. Allen, John Curtin, Dick Edwards, Paul Caravatt and others kept the wheels going like big brother Ed would like to have it done.

Those among our members who rose to new heights, first was Ed Miller as national commander with Harry Robertson as national sergeant-at-arms, later your correspondent was elected national historian and our good friend, Vine Parmelee, to the office of national judge advocate.

The Memorial services held at Soldiers Field has increased from the several members at the start to the hundreds that attended during the past two years. This is partly due to the junior drum and bugle corps that has added much color to this chapter.

Perhaps Art Nielson, Frank Anniger and the several other members of the committee that have worked so hard to make and put this corps among the best won't feel that their work has been appreciated. But let me tell you that there is a warm spot in the heart of every member of the Hartford Chapter YD for what you have done and are doing. And the children themselves will always remember.

Let every YD man turn out in uniform, if not a YD uniform wear what you have, but remember a YD beret anyway. If the State of Connecticut is going to spend this money to honor our General, let's just show them that we appreciate it.

Don't forget the installation of officers on Monday, May 4th at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 302 White St. Let's show that we still think the YD is the best by turning out in full for this meeting. This means everyone.

— John J. Goss.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
139 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.

The YANKS take over again. This time it's new quarters for the New Haven Chapter. It's a long story comrades, but getting down to brass tacks, The Chateau was sold, our lease expired, and we had to find new quarters and that's not so easy, we even looked at what re-

minded us of those famous A.E.F. hostelry the French Billets, that's how scarce quarters are right now. Our reliable "Zip" Smith came to the rescue and persuaded his boss to let us have a room in the New Haven Arena Co. building right in the center of town. "Dutch" Hirsch says it's easy to remember the address—26th Division, 26 Grove St.—102nd Infantry Veterans so 102 is the room number.

Fred Hirsch for once was worried. Had his committee packing and no definite place to go to. The phone rings, Fred answers. Zip, on the other end says there's a room vacant. Fred says hold the phone that's all I want to know. Says to the gang were going to the Arena. The moving committee swing into action. What a committee? Doc Dolan and his truck (!), Al Sedon, CIO Charboneau, Felix Sparvell, Joe Schurk, Jack Dillon, Jim Coleman, Forty-years-ago Cohen and Hi Dube. They still know how to pack.

Floyd Becker is doing a bang up job on interior decorating.

Open meeting nights 2nd and 4th Thursdays, all other times see Al in the front office.

The last official function at the Chateau was the Installation of Officers for 1942 by Past National Commander Len Maloney. The item is covered elsewhere in this issue.

Fred Hirsch was tendered a surprise birthday party and the gang presented him with some gifts, a singing telegram was delivered, a swell cake with enough candles to serve Fred during blackouts for a couple of years. Mrs. Charboneau led in a Happy Birthday Serenade.

Ray Bush, Captain, Engineer Headquarters, 6th Army Corps, was recently promoted to Major. Congratulations from the Chapter Major Bush. Best of luck exterminating the Japansies.

The Chapter again voted to pay the National Dues of their comrades who have answered the call to serve.

Chaplain Orville Petty is seriously ill and has been confined at the New Haven Hospital several weeks. Drop him a card comrades.

The Chapter extends deepest sympathy to comrade Len Maloney upon his great loss of his brother Maurice.

Following the Installation of Officers, Comrade Maloney presented retiring Commander Hirsch with a Gold Past Commander's Badge as a token of appreciation from the retiring officers, for a job well done. Fred has completed a two time Commander's term of office and during that stretch has set a pace which will keep his successor on the jump in order to equal the splendid record of achievements in which he took a leading part.

After a service so faithful and crammed with action, his comrades felt he shouldn't be let down too quickly and drafted him once more to serve as their Treasurer for the coming year.

As the editor will see, we got our typewriter as he intimated in the last issue of "Doings." We aren't sure but he got us into something. This hunt and touch system no doubt can be improved on. You see, we used the gangster's typewriter in the past.

Among the out of town guests at the Installation of Officers were, Past National Historian, Harry T. Robinson, Past Commanders, Harvey "Buck" Adam, and Walter E. Boardman of the Meriden Chapter, Senior Vice Commander of the Connecticut Department, Ben Bourn and the Connecticut Department Secretary, Clyde Beckwith. Trustee J. "Buck" O'Brien of the New York Chapter delivered a stirring recitation. Comrade Robinson collected expenses by purchasing a ticket in the 1000 club, which was held the same evening and he nicked the "jack pot."

Twenty-five comrades in the Emergency First Aid Relief YD Veterans' Battalion, are undergoing an intensive special course conducted by the American Red Cross to man the five Mobile Ambulance Units for the New Haven Civilian Defense.

—Henry J. Dube.

NEW HAVEN LAST MAN'S CLUB

The first Annual Meeting of the New Haven Last Man's Club of YDVA got off to a rip roaring, eating, drinking, singing, speaking, playing and recording start on Saturday, Feb. 21 under the very able leadership of Fred Hirsch. A grand good time, with a steak dinner and all the fixins.

Fred gave the job of toastmaster to our good friend PNC Len Maloney, and what a fine job he did. Otis Culver was in rare form with his own originations in song and story. Ed Malone brought along the bottle of Cognac which will be given the Last Man and of course every man claimed that he would have that distinction.

An appropriate ceremony was tendered departed comrades and also to the First Man who may die. Nobody seems to care for that spot, so we all hope to drink to that same fellow, next

year on the first Saturday in February and forever. Jack Bathgate brought his recording equipment along and everybody said a few words for all to hear.

Frank Lee was tied up in war work so didn't arrive on the scene until a little late. Frank Geary had to take care of his State Guard job, so he had to leave a little early. Jack Dillon enjoyed the birch beer. Bob Dudley flew in from North Branford to keep the gang under control. John Sullivan from Guilford was also a tower of strength. Charley Anderson brought along his three inch smile and his ever-ready pocketbook. George Tyrell got away from hard work for the evening and stayed until the last gun was fired. Doc Dolan left Westville on its own and got into one of his drinking bouts with ginger ale. Al Smith is still off zippers. Henry Dube made a swell Bar Boy. Alex Flynn got away from newspaper work for the evening.

Barney Wynne was the lucky guy. He didn't have to go home. He lives in the place. Jack Welch didn't care about going home; he thought the party ought to last forever. Ralph Walker got there early and stayed late. Eddie Poulton and Frank Brada left Branford wide open and went to town for the night. Russ McKiernan was another of the Steady Influence Boys. I don't know how Lock Stewart made out. He guards the Electric Co. and peddles milk and still got out to this party all in 24 hours. I guess the YD boys can still take it. What?

Floyd Becker always thinks there's work to be done, so it took a little time to convince him that it was our night to play. Felix Sparvel, just as quiet and willing and doing as ever. Maurice Smith, the good looking Smith of the outfit just played along as should be. Ray Charboneau had a hard time trying to sell Defense Bonds and Stamps to this bunch.

Johnnie King wants to go back and take another crack at the heinies. Joe Schurck took the first night off from defense work in over a year to get to this party. Ralph Bove, the gentleman always, didn't stay very late. Ray Kinney, busy with splints and bandages doesn't want another recorder's job. Andy Anastasio, not quite well but still very able, got in a little late but helped to close up the place. Jimmie Coleman, with an accident to one eye says he can use the other to drill a few of these rats that are spoiling the world. Frank Giordano still thinks the 102nd M. Gun Co. won the war but will admit that the rest of the YD helped some. Nate Cohen got in for the evening but was on his way back to the Hudson Valley or somewhere. Iver Coleman sent word of his inability to attend, being hospitalized.

Sherman Best was present, but doesn't think he could ever get into the old uniform again or maybe not a squad tent. Billy Carr can't figure out why he wouldn't be as good a soldier as he was in the last war. The answer was twenty-five years. So long, till next year.

—F. S., Recorder.

NORWALK

Commander: George Golding
38 Ohio Ave., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill Ave., East Norwalk, Conn.

The Norwalk Chapter had its Nomination and election of officers at its last meeting which was held at the YD dugout, March 20th. The following officers were nominated and elected:

Commander, Barney T. Clarke; 1st Vice Commander, Hermas Poirier; 2nd Vice Commander, Harold Anderson; Secretary, Al Herman; Treasurer, Henry Woods; Chaplain, George Golding; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Kvance; Historian, William P. Adams; Judge Advocate, Luke D. Stapleton; Trustees, Samuel Polley, Tony Carione.

The new officers will be installed at our annual Seicheprey Banquet on April 18th, which will be held at Tarlov's restaurant. The State Commander will do the honors.

The Norwalk Chapter had a very successful year, and Commander George Golding thanked all the members for the support that he received from his comrades.

The Chapter will go places with a fellow like Barney Clarke and we are with him one million per cent.

State Commander Clarence Geer was our guest at the meeting and spoke on membership and the National Convention.

Our 1st Vice Commander is at present the Department Commander of the D.A.V. But the way he put it, I am glad to do all I can for the Y. D. V. A. That's the spirit Hermas.

Dues are coming in fast and that is the way

it should be, let's have 100% paid up by the time we meet in Convention.

— Al Herman.

Norwalk Auxiliary

The Norwalk YD Auxiliary met on March 20th and elected the following officers:

President, Angeline Carione; 1st Vice President, Anna Golding; Secretary-Treasurer, Sue Herman; Chaplain, Pearl Cullen; Historian, Helen Booth; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mary Anderson; Trustee, Anna Moore; Trustee, Mary Holloren.

After the meeting Mrs. Herman served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Our officers will be installed on April 18th.

— Sue Herman,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Nathan D. Golden, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington

CHICAGO

Commander: Dana M. Hubbard
1402 Seward Ave., Evanston, Ill.
Secretary: Charles R. Fick
4528 No. Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Hold onto your hats, kids; here we go again. Chicago jumps forward with another shot in the arm. How come? Well, you know fellows, we took it on the chin at our Armistice Party, and it kind of cast a wet blanket all over Chicago. But our good comrade, Allan Usher, gave us another one of those, by now, well known, and looked forward to, previews at the Paramount Studios preview theatre here in Chicago, and did the boys turn out. Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy. We asked for a small contribution of not over a buck, to try and build up the "kitty," so we could get out of the red. Well, when we emptied Ray Fich's YD beret, we had $43.00 in the "kitty," and on top of that, four members paid dues for '42-'43, and we hadn't even thought about dues. Now our P.C. can be repaid for his generosity on Nov. 11th. Allan showed us some fine War Shots, a new color cartoon, and "The Fleet's In." It sure was a swell evening, and there must have been about a hundred people there. Even a few old members who haven't been around in years, and they sure are welcome. Thanks fellows, for the fine support, and thanks Allan, for the swell party. The next preview is on May 12th, at the same place, Paramount Picture Studios, 1306 South Michigan Ave., May 12th, so don't forget it. Bring your friends, and you'll have a swell time.

Officers elected for this year are,

Commander, William K. Keyes; Vice Com., Chas. Ray Fick; Sec.-Treas., John Klockowski; Sgt.-at-Arms, G. Leroy Anderson; Chaplain, Dana M. Hubbard.

Program of Events for this year:

The second Tuesday of every month except July and August will be YD Nights.

April 14th, meeting and lunch at Ray Dorn's Tavern, 4653 No. Clark St. Ray is a good YD man, and Hazel will have a nice lunch. Bring your wife and friends; it will cost you about two bits each for the lunch.

May 12th, 8 P.M. A Preview at the Paramount Studios, 1306 So. Michigan Ave. A swell show; bring the wife and friends. A small contribution will be accepted if you can spare it, but if not, come anyway and enjoy the show.

June 9th. Outgoing Commander's Party at the Allerton Hotel. This is a new affair, but I think it will become one of our regular affairs. We will have entertainment, dancing, fun, presentation of gift to our outgoing Commander, Dana Hubbard. More details later, but it won't be an expensive party.

July, no meeting. August, no meeting.

There will be something new for the Picnic idea, but we will give you that later.

Sept. 8th. 8 P. M. Meeting and lunch at John Klockowski's (our Sec.-Treas.) Tavern, 1352 W. Lake St. Remember the swell time we had there when we gave Kentwortz the sword. (He got it in the wrong end.) John will close his place for the night, and you are assured of having a good time. Bring the wife and friends. About two bits apiece.

Oct. 13th. Details later.

Nov. 10th. Our annual Armistice Party at the Allerton Hotel. More later.

Dec. 8th, Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, will each be a meeting night for the YD and when we decide on something that you will like, we will let you know.

March 9th will be election of officers.

So let's go, Chicago. We are going to have a wonderful year, and if some of you fellows want some fun, get aboard the Chicago YD Wagon, and you'll have a swell ride.

—Bill Keyes.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Herbert Riehl
9418 Gibson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

What happened at our regular monthly get-together meeting on March 15th? These are the highlights:

John McGloin delivered a lengthy discourse on the treatment and cure of hemorrhoids, but, due to the lack of subjects, was unable to make any practical demonstrations. Johnny's friends claim that he gained his great knowledge of things hemorrhoidal while operating a pile driver for the Walsh Construction Co.

John McGloin spoke at great length on plans for a YD party to be held in Okie's den with Mrs. O'Connor in the role of hostess. It is needless to say that Okie objected to this arrangement because his wife is not in the draft age.

Fred Bastel passed around a $100.00 Defense Bond purchased with chapter funds. It was our first one, with others scheduled to be added to it.

Carl Hauser was elected to succeed Bill Raper as trustee. Quiet and reserved, Carl will, nevertheless, make an unusually good trustee, since he is, above everything else, intensely loyal to the interests of YD.

All members were asked to save their sales tax stamps and deliver them to our treasurer. These stamps are valuable and can be converted into cash which our treasury sorely needs.

Present at the meeting for the first time in many moons was David Goldstein, Philip Johnson and Erich Reich.

I am sorry to say that we have not worked out the problem of revenue. Your suggestion that we open up a rifle range and hire several attractive girls as hostesses meets with my tentative approval. I suggest that instead of using ducks we employ caricatures of Japanese soldiers as targets. Last but not least, I insist that the manager be not only an expert marksman but also a straight shooter. Your rifle range has possibilities and I know the gang would like you to give details of your observations when you return to Cleveland.

I almost forgot to mention that 1942-43 membership fees are due and payable. Mail your check to our finance officer, Fred E. Bastel, 508 Williamson Bldg.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Had a fine meeting the other night. Those present were Murray, Chandler, Vetter, Rockwell, Johnson, Goedelmann and Doctor Morris. Several of the gang were A.W.O.L. among them being Norton, who tells us that he was out of town at Wichita and Kansas City, bowling. Got into the money too. Recently had a couple of Y'D'ers register at his hotel—"Wrasslers" here for an engagement—Jack Conley and Al Getz.

Received a package from headquarters the other day, containing the dues notices for next year. We are looking forward to a prosperous year for the local chapter.

Chapin recently saw a member of the "new" Y.D. down town—Coburn of the 101st Medical brigade, now a student at Fitzsimons Hospital. Coburn informed Chapin that there were several more YD men in training there.

At least three of the fellows are members of the local defense groups—"Rocky" and Doctor Morris with the auxiliary police—Carl Johnson with the auxiliary firemen.

Pat Pedicino whom we have not seen at one of our meetings for ages tells us that he is busy at night school but will try and get out and see the old gang soon.

Received word that a former Y.D.'er, George H. Young of Washington, D. C. is staying at one of our local hotels. Called there but did not find him in; hope to contact him soon.

—Vetter.

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NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon
182 Moore St., Princeton, New Jersey
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

The first meeting of New York Chapter YDVA under our new Commander, RALPH A. TURGEON was held on March 24. Our monthly "Dinner" before the meeting was well attended and the meeting was officially opened with prayer invoked by our Chaplain, Rev. Father Thomas F. Temple. Past Commander Ed Nelson, chairman for the Chapter Convention Committee reported registrations were starting to come in. Over ten members immediately signed their registration slips adding quite a few to those already signed. It begins to look like New York Chapter once again will be well represented in Springfield. More about this later. Secretary Lonergan reported he was going to Springfield Sunday and he was instructed to select headquarters for New York Chapter in the Hotel Charles, through comrade Edward Lund, Convention Housing Chairman. A motion was then made by PC Ed Nelson, seconded by Vice Com. Jim Donovan that the Treasurer draw a check for $10.00 as a deposit for Chapter Headquarters. Comrade Bob Seeley requested all who can get up to Springfield even for the parade to do so. Don't you worry Bob, we'll be there. Commander Turgeon then spoke on our great loss with the passing of our Past Com. Ben Pitman and the meeting stood in solemn silence for one minute. He then read a very nice letter sent to the Chapter by Mrs. Helen S. Pitman thanking us for the sorrow and respect shown at the YD Services in Stamford, Conn. conducted by N. Y. Chapter. Secretary Lonergan then made a motion that our Chapter Color be draped in mourning for 90 days, motion seconded by Comrade Bob Dickson. Buck O'Brien then spoke on our annual General Edwards Memorial Services at Fordham University. It was decided to let PC Joe McGlone handle this, as he has done in the past. Historian Anthony F. Fanelle then submitted a grand "History" of our Chapter, that had taken him almost a year to compile. He was given a rising vote of thanks and Commander Turgeon will have it made up in book form for every member in the Chapter. Chairman of Entertainment Bob Dickson then introduced our Guest of the evening, Mr. Al Mamaux the great former National League pitcher. Al gave us a very interesting story on the real inside of baseball.

Comrade Maurice Alberts then introduced Mr. Feinstein of the Jewish War Veterans who spoke on their coming affair at The Livingston on April 22nd. The funds are to be used to purchase six pursuit planes for the U.S. Army.

—HAROLD B. F. LONERGAN.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: W. A. Forsythe
202 Susquehanna Road, Abington, Pa.
Secretary: Louis Wintner
911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila., Pa.

Now for a little recapitulating. The year of 1941-42 was indeed a very successful one for our Chapter. Highlighted by our banquet during the National Convention of the V.F.W in Phila. We had an attendance of over one hundred and was honored by the presence of our National Commander, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms McNulty, Austin Appleby, Guy Watts, Spare Ribs Jim Sullivan, Nat Goldman, Rocky Rockwell, Joe Peterson, V.F.W. National Commander Max Singer and many others. New York Chapter headed by Elwin Cooney attended in a body. To all that helped to make this affair the success that it was we down here in Philadelphia once more wish to say thanks a million. We had three very nice social parties for the ladies. In fact they went over so big that we intend to make it a regular thing. About half of the members attended the installation of the New York Chapter and had a good time. Besides reorganizing and lining up the old members we picked up eleven new ones. All in all a very good year.

On the 27th we held our regular meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year. George Hudson was elected Commander, Louis Wintner Vice Commander, Ernest T. Bates Sec., Charles Frazier Treasurer, M. L. Lenker Sgt.-at-Arms. There was no objections to this slate picked by P. C. Harvey Ellis, Donald U. Hildreth and Louis Wintner. Al Meyers, our treasurer, was absent but we have nothing to worry about as we signed up a new member, Charles Cort, formerly of D Co., 103rd, M. G. Bat., who is a member of the F. B. I. Catch on Al? We are indebted to our loyal member Wm. T. Kelly for signing up the above new member. Bill is again employed by Uncle Sam and keeps our Phila.

Mint supplied with that "filthy lucre" which is so necessary these days. Bill is unable to attend our meetings, but I know that he reads DOINGS so I wish to thank him through this column and I hope he signs up J. Edgar Hoover and the rest of the F. B. I. for us. Here's hoping that we see Charlie Cort and hear big things of him soon.

We don't know the exact date for our installation as Harvey Ellis is forced to move (that's what happens to our party place when a guy don't pay his rent) and doesn't know if he will be able to get his new place fixed in time. But I led with my chin and offered my place, but I love it. Anything for my Chapter, make a note of that Hudson.

The bug has bit Donald U. Hildreth and he is thinking of running for Nat. Comm. of the Purple Heart at Newburgh, N. Y. Put him on your mailing list as Donald U. not A. As for myself being Sec. of this Chapter has given me a great deal of pleasure and writing this column for DOINGS has been an experience I'll never forget. I hope that in the near future they wish it on me again.

— Louis Wintner, Sec.

BUZZINGS OF "B"

At the "B" Company reunion at the armory last month, a number of faces, forms, etc., appeared of those who have not shown up for many a year, such as the sage from Scituate, Howard O. Frye. Walter H. MacIntosh sang in a couple of numbers, but turned down "Mandolay." The re-elected selectman of Norwood, Sture Nelson, arrived one hundred pounds heavier than on his last visit, now making him an even three hundred. Both Hanlon brothers were on hand as usual.

About half of the following fellows neglected as usual to send in their card of their intention to be present, thereby being of great assistance to your scribe in helping him make arrangements with the caterer. The list may have missed two or three, for which I humbly apologize.

Ray Bennett, Walter R. Boone, Theodore J. Coburn, George F. Cole, William J. Coye, Paul De Fanti, Edward V. Donovan, James H. Gillies, John H. Good, Lester C. Hollis, George A. Jorgensen, James W. Kedian, David A. Kuriss, Jr., Emery La Liberte, Horace Z. Landon, Edmund P. Le Blanc, Lawrence P. MacDonald, William S. Russell, Harrison L. Simonton, George Tapp, Raymond S. Van Tassel, W. R. C. Welsh.

—The Drone.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st — Pat Flaherty who was a color sergeant with the late Billie Connery is a patient at Rutland — Chick McGuinness (A Co.) has a son-in-law who is a Warrant officer at the Salem Air Base — We were sorry to hear of the deaths of John O'Connor, D Co., and Al Hyatt, C Co. Our sympathy to Maj. Michael J. Lannon, Med., regimental treasurer on the death of his wife — Johnny Sullivan, H Co. has two sons in the service — Young Johnny is in the Coast Guard and Bobbie is with the Navy — A Co. held a meeting at Johnny Rea's house in Charlestown and it looks as if the old McConnell Associates are going to percolate again — They are going to run a penny sale at Memorial Hall, Charlestown on April 10 — Scotty, the newsboy who served with H Co. has a half sister who attends the U. of California — His mother lives in Berkeley, Cal.

The Supply Co. under the direction of Dickie Merrick held a very successful reunion and dance at the American Legion Hall, Somerville on March 20 — Have received word from many of the boys who live outside the state that they will be with us at the 25th Anniversary Ban-

quet . . . What reunions will take place on that night . . . G Co. will have an installation of officers on Sunday, April 12, at the Spanish War Vets quarters on Commercial St., Worcester — Al Waters who is with the Worcester Fire Dept. will be installed as president.

The annual memorial Mass of G Co. will be held on Sunday, May 24, at St. John's church — Frank Shea, A Co. has a nephew he is quite proud of — He is Lieut. W. A. Carleton, Co. M, 101st U. S. Infantry — Frank tells me that he had this nephew with him since he was a little boy — Jack Coughlin, K Co., reg't president has been confined to his home for the past two weeks suffering from a severe cold — K Co. Clinton Unit held a very interesting meeting at the VFW rooms with their new president, William G. Young in the chair — They voted a substantial sum to the regimental hospital fund — Congratulations to Col. Bill Blake, Hdgts., who was appointed Chief of Staff of the Mass. State Guard.

• TAPS •

Al Hyatt, Company C, 101st Infantry, passed away at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Mass., on March 27th. Burial was in Everett with the Lynn Chapter having charge of the funeral services, Commander Perley Knight officiating.

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John Lewis, A Company, 104th Infantry, is reported to have died on the 26th of February at Worcester, Mass. No further details given.

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John J. O'Connor, D Company, 101st Infantry, died at Roslindale, Mass., on March 22. A solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, with many YD comrades present.

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John B. Riley, Company L, 104th Infantry, died suddenly in his home in Hartford, Conn., on February 23rd. He was the Company L Mess Sergeant.

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Pvt. Edward Morse, formerly of Bat. D, 103rd Reg., U. S. F. A., died in February at his home in Lebanon, N. H.

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Report has been received that Robert A. Wiley, formerly of D Co., 101st Supply Train passed away some time during 1941.

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Joseph A. Gallant, formerly of the 26th Military Police Co. and a member of the Fitchburg Chapter, died March 27th, 1941.

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Dr. Persons W. Wing, died at Orlando, Florida on March 20th, 1942. Dr. Wing served with the Medical Detachment of the 103rd Field Artillery and also with the 104th Field Hospital.

He was born in Glens Falls, N. Y., saw service on the Mexican Border in 1916 and went overseas with the 26th Division as a Lieut., returning a Captain after 18 months overseas.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Walton, who is in the Signal Corps, U. S. A. at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

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William D. Ward, formerly of C Co., 101st Infantry died at Reading, Mass., on April 2nd, 1942. He was a member of the Chateau Thierry Chapter, who furnished the burial detail and made arrangements for the burial.

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Joseph Veno, formerly of G Co., 103rd Infantry died at his home in Rochester, N. H., on March 23, 1942. He was a member of the General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter of Rochester, N. H.

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Julius E. Bachman, formerly of Co. L, 102nd Infantry, died March 30th. Burial was from his late home in Bristol, Conn., on April 1st. Pallbearers were from the YD Chapter and D.A.V. Military escort was furnished by the State Guard, who also furnished the firing squad.

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Arthur G. Brown, former Lieut. of H Co., 104th Infantry, died at his home in Worcester on April 2, 1942. He served in the Navy during the Spanish American War, with the 2nd Mass. on the Border in 1916 and went to France with H Co. 104th Infantry, with which he served for the eighteen months the regiment was in France. He was a member of the Worcester Chapter, Y. D. V. A.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BEVERLY

Commander: Fred N. Creed
138 Conant St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Harold F. Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Beverly Chapter had a fine meeting at the Jubilee Yacht Club, last Thursday night, through the efforts of Bob Standley, the Yacht Club extends their hospitality to us for future meetings.

In response to a "pep" talk by Frank Smith and a letter sent to all, the club members voted "Carry On", and also many of them paid their dues and insisted that local club dues be $1.00 per member, thus taking care of the running expense of the club.

Treasurer Hosley was "smothered under" and counted twice.

The nominating committee consisting of the Past Officers and especially Sam Lee favored the following slate and these officers were elected:

Commander, Robert J. Standley; Senior Vice-Commander, William Davis; Junior Vice-Commander, Thomas Brady; Secretary, Frank L. Smith; Treasurer, Carlton Hosley; Chaplain, Harold F. Heald; Serg.-at-Arms, Malcolm B. Fraser; Trustees, Lawrence Nonies, Fred Creed, Augustus Cressey.

Sixteen members were on hand and Commander-elect Robert J. Standley, with his staff, expects to complete his installation plans shortly. Many of the sons of the Vets are in Service and Frank Smith is making up a roster of same.

— H. F. Heald, Sec.

WORCESTER

Commander: Robert W. Vail
27 Bauer St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

First off the boys here are doing the best they can to round up all YD men that are available for membership in this chapter, it being an individual campaign some new members are now making their appearance in the rolls.

On April 2 the chapter had the sad duty of burying one of their comrades namely Arthur G. Brown, who served as an officer in H Co., 104th Inf., during the last war. A brief record shows that he served in the U. S. Navy during the Spanish-American War, and served at the Mexican border in 1916 as a first lieutenant in Co. H, 2nd Mass. Inf. Still as a member of the Wellington Rifles he left for France as a 1st lieut. on Oct. 4, 1917 and returned to this country on June 27, 1919. Serving his country faithfully in all major actions he has now been called for his final assembly in the great army above.

On Monday, April 6th, this chapter had their celebration of Army day at Kelly's Rainbow Gardens. This happened to be the annual dinner dance that is held by this chapter every year, and believe me this year was the most successful that they have had. Due to the untiring work of P. C. McCarthy, we had about 200 people sit down to a wonderful steak dinner, during which time they were entertained by a young lady that gave several selections on the squeeze organ (accordion) followed by several acts of vodvil and dancing until — ? A.M. It seems that some of the comrades never get old the way they danced around on the floor. During the grand march several of the squads got divided at the end of the hall but when they finally got together again, the congregation then sang the "National Anthem" and "God Bless America", after which they then swung their partners for dancing the rest of the evening, except those that fought the war over again at the bar.

While at the bar the remark was made by one of the comrades that there wasn't a girl around that he couldn't make so to show his style he started in to demonstrate his power of — ?, but it seems that the one he was working just would not make, try as hard as he could to do otherwise, but he was able to buy her a drink. So H. J. F. — be careful the next time you try, too many ears around, they will pick you up some time and show you how it's really done.

While the dancing was in progress we were glad to have the presence of our comrade, Major-General of the State Guard, Thomas F. Foley, and members of his staff pay us a visit for a short while, then he had to leave for other places.

At the last meeting of the chapter they voted that the Junior Drum Corps should have new uniforms, so watch out for the children on this Memorial Day when they turn out for the boys, as they are going to be resplendent in their new uniforms. They start, this week, the rehearsals that will make them the pride of their fathers' eyes. So God bless the children and may they have the best corps in the city. — C. O. E.

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PROVIDENCE

Commander: Raymond E. Taylor
10 Hope St., No. Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Frank E. McCaffery
U. S. Vets. Adm., P.O. Bldg., Providence, R. I.

Providence Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday night, the 25th of March and in accordance with the recent provision in the By-Laws, the election of officers took place. The entire slate as presented by the Nominating Committee was elected without opposition. Since this slate was printed in the last DOINGS, there will be no need of repeating it here, suffice to say that with Bob Murray in the chair, ably supported by a group of live wires, next year should prove to be one of the Chapter's best. Wednesday, April the 22nd is the date planned for the installation and it is hoped to have National Commander Carter with us at that time to do the job in his own inimitable fashion.

Plans for the observance of the 23rd anniversary of the Seicheprey episode were detailed to those present. The Committee in charge announced that a dinner, scheduled for 7:30 P. M., on Monday, April the 20th, at Butler's Diner on Pawtucket Avenue in Pawtucket, would be the main attraction. The price of the dinner tickets is $1.50 and any or all of you birds who were in on that party, twenty-four years ago, and feel like rehashing what happened and what didn't happen, are perfectly welcome, you'll surely run into someone who has a different version of what actually happened to you.

Comrade Frankie Wall, now with the R. I. Division of Probation and Parole, was present at the meeting with his motion picture projector. He had some excellent films on Pearl Harbor, taken under fire, and also some fine pictures of the British Commandos in action — kept the boys spellbound for the best part of an hour.

Comrade John S. Mitchell is the latest member to receive his orders to report for active duty. He reports as a 1st Lieutenant with the 708th M. P. Battalion at Camp Niantic, Connecticut on April 9th. Good luck, John, and take it easy; remember what we, of the YD, thought of the Marines in and around Paris back in 1918 and 1919. Comrade George B. Pretat left two weeks ago to take over his duties in the Public Relations Unit at Fort Devens. George is a Captain and the Army gave him about four days to wind up his affairs and get on the job — that's how badly they wanted him.

Commander Ollie Lewis of Kent County Chapter was a guest at the meeting, as is the custom in the Chapter, he, as the visiting dignitary, was called upon to draw the name from the membership "kitty". After two or three tries he finally came up with Ernie Bernier's card, good for $5.00. A big night for Ernie, he was elected as a Trustee and got himself a "fin" in the bargain. — F. E. McCaffery,
Secretary.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Maurice Healey
41 Washington St., New London, Conn.

On Friday eve, March 27th, at our club rooms on Green Street this chapter elected new officers for the coming year.

We put our Old Commander Earl Lyon back into the lead again for this year and elected behind him the kind of officers that should do an outstanding YD job.

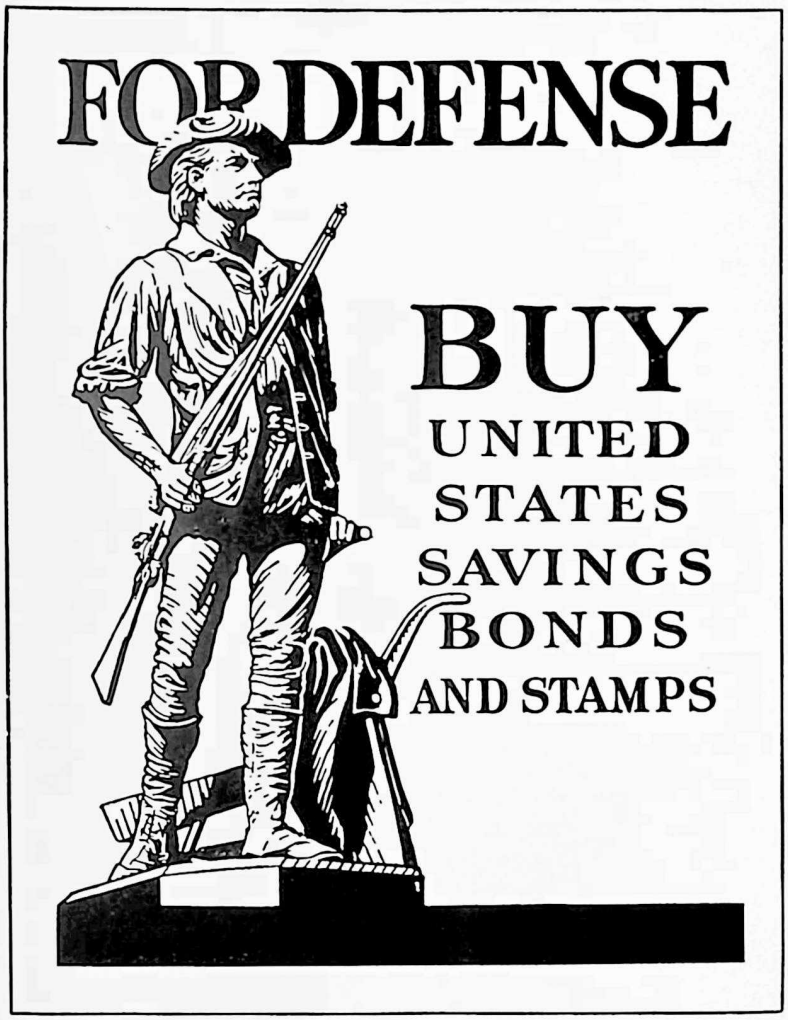
Comrades Ernest Mills as Sr. Vice; Roy Wilbur, as Jr. Vice; Andrew Satti, as Sergeant-at-Arms; Charles Pillar, as Historian; Arthur Winslow, as Chaplain; Past Commander Al St. Germain as Secretary; Henry Korber, as Treasurer.

Comrades of this chapter are outstanding in their efforts along the lines of Civilian Defense work and YD men continue to hit the head-lines as leaders in this particular section. The leading outfit is the New London Auxiliary Police Department, headed by Commander Earl Lyon who is Captain. In the same outfit you will find Past Commander Al St. Germain who is one of the officers, John Bruce who recently was made an officer, Roy Wilbur is our Mess Sergeant, Maurice Healey Sergeant, Henry Korber Quartermaster Corporal, Andrew Satti Section Corporal, Henry Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Aiken, Charles Pillar, Wm. Pope, Harry Kent, Ernest Mills, all hard and earnest workers.

Ray Martin who works down in Bridgeport, but who is one of our members, keeps out of the head-lines, but we know Ray must be knee deep in something or other.

Which makes us feel rather proud of our boys and this little chapter of ours with forty men are again doing our bit for our country — and the spirit of the old YD.

— E. B. L.



NATIONAL COMMANDER CARTER RECEIVES U. S. A. COMMISSION

We have just been informed by our National Commander, Eliot Carter, that he has been commissioned a captain in the Military Police and has received his orders to report for duty at Camp Edwards on April 14th.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

This excellent photograph by Roberts is a subtle way of suggesting to you that now is a good time to write that letter to the chap in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps that you've meant to write to, but just haven't got around to. Remember how we looked for mail?

TOO MUCH LIP MAY SINK A SHIP

HAVE YOU PLANNED A REUNION BANQUET?

Out of 59 letters written to the Chapters throughout the Country, the State Dept. of Conn. is the first and only one to date that has come through.

Connecticut is planning a large banquet to be held during the YD National Convention at Springfield in June.

Comrades Henry J. Dube, Sr. Vice and Fred V. Hirsch, Treas., made the trip from New Haven, March 28th, and final plans for same were made through the Banquet Chairman.

I am waiting to hear from all Regimental and Battalion Associations, and any Chapters planning a dinner.

Time's a-wasting! When do we eat?

The Committee,
— Walter F. Gilligan, Chairman.

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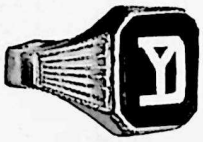

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